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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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## Public Input Requested on Virginia Kendall Dam Modifications

Brecksville, Ohio - The National Park Service (NPS), in cooperation with the Bureau of Reclamation is in the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the modification of the Virginia Kendall Dam in Cuyahoga Valley National Park to correct hydrologic deficiencies. The EA will include discussions of the proposed project's potential impacts to environmental and recreation resources.

The EA will compare the No Action Alternative to a Proposed Action Alternative which includes: excavation and construction of a new rip-rapped emergency spillway, excavating the existing dam crest and replacing it with new fill to raise it 2 feet, reconstructing the trail on the dam crest, removing accumulated sediments from the reservoir, cleaning out an existing storm sewer, and installing a new guardrail fence at the spillway outlet.

The public is invited to send questions and concerns regarding the proposed project using the NPS's Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) web site at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cuva. Additional background information about the project is available for download at this site.

Written comments should be sent to the attention of the Superintendent at Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141.

Comments will be accepted for consideration until June 30, 2007.

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CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or www.dayinthevalley.com or call (216)524-1497 or (800)445-9667.

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